

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Comments on locating Defense Intelligence School at USNTC Bainbridge, Md.

1. Per telephone conversation between Mr. Morton and the undersigned plus brief discussion with Mr. Elliott after the Director's meeting 17 May 1967 outlined below are preliminary comments on locating the Defense Intelligence School at USNTC Bainbridge, Md.

2. We have never seriously considered moving the DIS to a location outside of the Washington metropolitan area for the following reasons:

a. The main body of knowledge for intelligence education is not found in textbooks or research papers written by authorities in the field. It resides in the minds of the operators and managers of intelligence activities. This is especially true in the case of joint Service intelligence education where the main body of knowledge and required expertise to support this discipline is only found in Washington.

b. Intelligence education requires that instruction be as current as possible to keep up with the frequent changes which occur almost daily in this most dynamic of military fields. Staff, faculty members and students must have free access to officials of operating elements to ensure that course content and course emphasis meet the immediate and long range needs of the intelligence community and that the student research is done using a currently accurate base of knowledge. This requirement for currency of information makes it necessary for the school to be located close enough to DIA, CIA, AFNIN, ACSI and ONI to permit timely receipt of intelligence abstracts, bulletins, summaries and other reference materials issued by these components. It also requires that the faculty and students be co-located with research facilities of DIA, the military departments, other government agencies and the library of congress.

c. In addition to the close liaison which exists between faculty members and operating elements, there is a continuing need for liaison between staff of the school on such planning and programming matters as the 5yr Master Program, the Consolidated Intelligence Program, the Consolidated General Intelligence Budget, personnel, financial and administrative problems.



d. The uniqueness of the intelligence discipline requires the school to rely heavily on Washington based experts who are engaged in actual intelligence activities to present a large portion of the actual instruction. For example, during FY 1967 CIA officials will present some 450 hours of lectures either at the school or at CIA headquarters as part of DIS instructional tours at that agency. The total hours presented by civilian and military officials of DIA, ACSI, AFNIN and ONI is even greater. This expertise and first hand skill is essential to the presentation of the best possible instruction and if it were not available at a new location would require substantial personnel augmentation of the staff and faculty. The costs associated with the many increased requirements for TDY, travel, guest speaker expenses, and administrative support for a location outside the Washington area would be excessive.

e. Washington provides the school with access to actual operating and producing intelligence offices for student tours and indoctrinations. The student bodies of the principle courses spend full days at several of the major intelligence offices in Washington being briefed on their operations, observing actual operations and asking questions of operating personnel. This is invaluable to the course of instruction and is available at the national level only in Washington.

f. There is the special problem of training prospective Attaches. This training must of necessity be personalized because each country is different and each Attache has different problems to cope with. This involves repeated visits and personal contacts between the prospective attaches and the appropriate desks in DIA, CIA and the Service intelligence components. These visits and visits to host country embassies can be accomplished only in Washington.

g. Planning for the proposed DIA Operations and Academic building provides for two large DIS lecture halls to serve jointly as the agency auditorium. Removal of this facility from AHS would require construction of an additional auditorium and expenditure of additional funds.

h. The School is currently moving into a whole new area of instruction in the field of information science technology. The curriculum of necessity must rely heavily upon a close machine-man interaction. The relocation of DIS from the operations area in general and the Automatic Data Processing Center in particular would negate the requirement for hands-on, time sharing interface with the AHS computer facilities. The excessive cost of duplicating the necessary hardware, as well as security considerations, strongly dictate against separation of the school from the main building.

i. As a matter of historical interest it should be noted that Mr. Roswell Gilpatric recognized the considerations discussed above in February 1962 when in his memorandum to the Secretaries of the Military Departments he stated that "a Defense Intelligence School (DIS) will be established in the Washington, D.C. area under DIA." Even earlier, in 1946 Admiral E. J. King, then Chief of Naval Operations, established the Naval Intelligence School as a branch of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School (then located at Annapolis, Md.) in Washington, D.C. rather than in Annapolis because of these same reasons. Also, the U.S. Army Strategic Intelligence School, although a branch of the U.S. Army Intelligence School located at Ft. Holabird is Baltimore was established in Washington because of the need to be located as close as possible to the intelligence headquarters of the Army and other military departments.

3. These are preliminary views which accent the adverse impact of moving DIS to Bainbridge. There are advantages which can best be addressed after the proposed on-side visit to Bainbridge.



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| <p>This is pertinent in case you heard on radio last night that a move was contemplated.</p> <p>Here are DIS' reasons against. A congressional party is to visit Bainbridge soon - may take 2 or 3 from DIA with group. Pressure seems to come from a high Commission</p> | | |
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